



# STATE OF WISCONSIN

# Assembly Journal

## One-Hundredth Regular Session

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THURSDAY, August 18, 2011

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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

### AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 69** offered by Representative Hebl.

Assembly amendment 2 to Assembly substitute amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 69** offered by Representative Hebl.

Assembly substitute amendment 3 to **Assembly Bill 69** offered by Representative Kaufert.

Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 3 to **Assembly Bill 69** offered by Representatives Hebl and Staskunas.

Assembly amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 70** offered by committee on **Jobs, Economy and Small Business**.

Assembly amendment 3 to **Assembly Bill 70** offered by committee on **Jobs, Economy and Small Business**.

Assembly amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 47** offered by committee on **Jobs, Economy and Small Business**.

Assembly amendment 3 to **Senate Bill 47** offered by committee on **Jobs, Economy and Small Business**.

### INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

#### **Assembly Bill 218**

Relating to: the appointment and term of service of the secretary of natural resources and vacancies on the Natural Resources Board.

By Representatives Bewley, Hulsey, Jorgensen, Pasch, Molepske Jr, Pocan, Hebl, Berceau, Kaufert, Ringhand, Clark, Mason, Pope-Roberts, Milroy, Roys, Shilling and Bernard Schaber; cosponsored by Senators Holperin, Wirsch, Hansen, Miller, Vinehout, Risser, S. Cogg and Lassa.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

#### **Assembly Bill 219**

Relating to: funding postretirement health care benefits of local government employees.

By Representatives Thiesfeldt, Craig, Rivard, Spanbauer, Petryk, Kooyenga, Kleefisch and Brooks; cosponsored by Senators Vukmir, Lasee and Grothman.

To committee on **Urban and Local Affairs**.

#### **Assembly Bill 220**

Relating to: an income and franchise tax credit for workplace wellness programs, granting rule-making authority, and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.

By Representatives Murtha, Nygren, Bies, Brooks, Doyle, Honadel, Jacque, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kestell, Kuglitsch, T. Larson, LeMahieu, Litjens, Nerison, A. Ott, Petersen, Petrowski, Petryk, Pridemore, Ripp, Sinicki, Spanbauer, Staskunas, Strachota, Stone, Thiesfeldt, Tranel, Van Roy and Zepnick; cosponsored by Senators Moulton, Hopper, Kapanke, Lassa, Leibham, Schultz and Zipperer.

To committee on **Health**.

#### **Assembly Bill 221**

Relating to: veteran preference points.

By Representatives Jorgensen, Spanbauer, Berceau, Bewley, Clark, Fields, Pasch, Sinicki, Turner, Vruwink, Young and Zepnick; cosponsored by Senators Taylor, Schultz, S. Cogg and Vinehout.

To committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs**.

#### **Assembly Bill 222**

Relating to: requiring documentary evidence of citizenship or satisfactory immigration status for public assistance programs, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Mursau, Litjens, Bernier, Jacque, Nygren, Thiesfeldt, August, Kapenga, Honadel, Williams, Kuglitsch, Steineke, Stroebel, Petersen, LeMahieu and Endsley; cosponsored by Senators Grothman, Galloway and Lasee.

To committee on **Homeland Security and State Affairs**.

#### **Assembly Bill 223**

Relating to: awarding costs in administrative agency actions.

By Representatives Mursau, Honadel, Spanbauer, Wynn, Knilans, Jacque, Brooks, Kuglitsch and Stroebel; cosponsored by Senators Grothman, Taylor, Lasee and Holperin.

To committee on **Judiciary and Ethics**.

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## COMMUNICATIONS

August 17, 2011

Patrick Fuller  
Assembly Chief Clerk  
17 West Main Street, Suite 401  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Please add my name as a co-author of Assembly Bill 69, relating to the privilege of self-defense.

Sincerely,  
*DAVID CRAIG*  
State Representative  
83rd Assembly District

## AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau  
Madison

August 17, 2011

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

As required by [2005 Wisconsin Act 125](#), we have reviewed the pupil test score data provided to us by the School Choice Demonstration Project, which is a group of privately funded education researchers who are studying the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. The Choice program provides publicly funded private school tuition for low-income children in Milwaukee.

Project researchers are conducting a five-year longitudinal study of Choice and Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) pupils first selected in the 2006-07 school year. The representative sample includes 2,727 Choice pupils who were in the third through ninth grades in fall 2006 and a comparable group of 2,727 MPS pupils. The researchers are tracking changes in Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination scores and determining how participation in the Choice program affects changes in academic achievement.

We reviewed the project's data for the 2009-10 school year, which is the fourth year the researchers arranged for the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination to be administered to Choice pupils. We analyzed and generally confirmed the analyses that they reported in March 2011, which show no significant difference in the performance of Choice pupils and similar MPS pupils after four years. However, we note that only 41.3 percent of the 2,727 Choice pupils in the researchers' sample remained in Choice schools in the 2009-10 school year.

As we discussed in our prior reports, we cannot provide legislators with information about academic performance specific to each of the 111 Choice schools that operated in the 2009-10 school year because the project, citing confidentiality concerns, has not provided us with average pupil test scores at individual Choice schools. However, [2009 Wisconsin Act 28](#) made several changes to testing

requirements, including requiring Choice schools to administer the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination during the 2010-11 school year and report the results to the Department of Public Instruction.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by project researchers as we conducted this review.

Sincerely,  
*JOE CHRISMAN*  
Interim State Auditor

State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau  
Madison

August 18, 2011

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

As requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, we have completed an evaluation of educational programs for working adults within the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS). Full-time equivalent enrollment increased 16.9 percent from fiscal year (FY) 2007-08 through FY 2009-10. WTCS attributes the increase to an increase in the number of new students, as well as students enrolling in more credit hours.

To help meet the local needs for the occupational education, training, and re-training of working adults, 31.8 percent of associate degree courses held in the Spring 2010 semester by the 16 technical college districts were scheduled after 5:00 p.m. or on weekends, or were available as online courses. Twenty-one associate degree programs are offered entirely online, and the number of online associate degree courses increased 46.4 percent over the six-semester period we reviewed, reaching 2,822 in Spring 2010. Current district policies allow other educational institutions to provide training and occupational programming in rented district facilities, which may help improve access to needed services. However, we include a recommendation for district boards to determine whether such programming could be offered by the technical colleges.

In June 2010, 259,643 individuals were unemployed, including some who were dislocated from their employment as a result of plant closings or mass layoffs. Some dislocated workers are eligible for training services funded by two federal programs, the Workforce Investment Act and the Trade Adjustment Assistance program. We estimated 7,000 students in the technical colleges were supported by these two programs in FY 2009-10. However, given the uncertainty of future federal funding levels and the likelihood of continued demand for training services, we include recommendations for updating information on funding, training needs, and employment outcomes after training.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by WTCS, the 16 technical college districts, and the Department of Workforce Development.

Sincerely,  
*JOE CHRISMAN*  
Interim State Auditor